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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed, along with an English-language abstract of the document.

JP 7-171142, which relates to a radiodiagnostic device, was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding foreign application of this application.

FORMAL MATTERS


A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, it is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. If a fee is determined to be due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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